(f) if so, what steps Government propose take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) and (b) As on the 31st July, 1988 M/s. Vikram Gas Agency, New Delhi had about 6,880 LPG customers, out of which 3,380 customers had double bottle connections;

(c) About 5,400 LPG cylinders are supplied to the distributor per month;

(d) While LPG distributors are under instructions to supply refills within 24 hours of the booking, supplies are at times made late for reasons such as shortfall in availability of LPG, transportation bottlenecks, labour problems, civil disturbances, etc.

(e) No, Sir;

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.

Appointment of IAS Officers to Public Sector Units

@4556. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is correct that there have been clear Government directions for appointment of IAS Officers to Public Sector Units and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether it is correct that these have been violated by Textile Ministry as reported by 'Business Update of 18th June, 1st July, 1988 and, if so, reasons thereof and action taken;

(c) whether technical professional managers are not available as a result of Brain Drain; and

(d) whether the ever thirsty IAS will be suitably curbed to ensure early industrialisation and development of the country's industry and other professional services?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) "No , Sir". In March, 1985, Government have issued instructions banning deputation of Government Officers. including I.A.S. Officers, to Public Sector Enterprises. According to these orders, Government Officers, including I.A.S. Officers cannot go on deputation to Public Enterprises except in certain cases which were specifically exempted by the Government from the purview of the Rule of Immediate Absorption.

Chemical Explosion in Goa

4557. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware to the explosion of a chemical boiler tank at Corlim Industrial Estate in Goa at the pesticide factory

@Previously unstarred Question 4342 transferred from the 1st September, 1988.